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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Elizabeth City, N.C.

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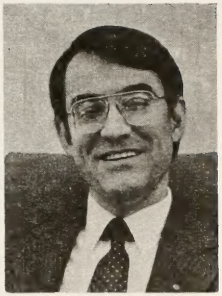

College of The Albemarle had a very good year during 1982-83. This report highlights our accomplishments. Your interest in and support of COA has made it easier for us to continue to provide easily accessible, high quality educational opportunities for adults who live in our service area.

We have served the Albemarle area for nearly a quarter of a century. The college has grown rapidly and has consolidated most operations on a new campus. I am certain that COA will continue to grow and develop during the rest of the century.

I believe our region is going to be an exciting place in which to live between now and the year 2000. COA will have a significant role in all that happens during this period. Through our technical and vocational training, our opportunities for students seeking the first two years of a baccalaureate degree, and our extensive continuing education offerings, the college will be at the center of our region's development and growth. Also, our literacy training and high school completion programs will enable thousands of people to move upward in our society.

Thank you for being a friend to COA. With your continued support, your community college will continue to grow and prosper.

Sincerely,

J. Parker Chesson, Jr.

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President

Positive achievements...

1982-83 marked the culmination of an intensive, two-year self-study by our faculty and staff in preparation for reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The in-depth review of our programs required many hours of extra work. As a result of the study, several changes have been made that will improve the efficiency of instruction and services to students.

The College of The Albemarle Foundation conducted its first annual fund drive in April. Communities throughout the college's service area and COA faculty and staff gave their firm endorsement by responding with more than $55,000 in contributions. As an added expression of support, a local automobile dealer arranged for the college to use two new, 15-passanger vans each year for an unspecified number of years.

One of the most beneficial aids for further growth of the institution was a $400,000 Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education. It is the fourth year that Title III funds have been approved for a total of almost one million dollars from this source. These funds have enabled the college to improve services to our students through developmental education and an expanded management information system, and the further refinement of counseling services for students.

A landfill project, reclaiming 5.2 acres along the Pasquotank River boundary, added an estimated $55,000 in value to the campus property. Donated dirt fill and grading equipment resulted in an approximate $77,000 savings in project costs and provided more usable space for future physical expansion.

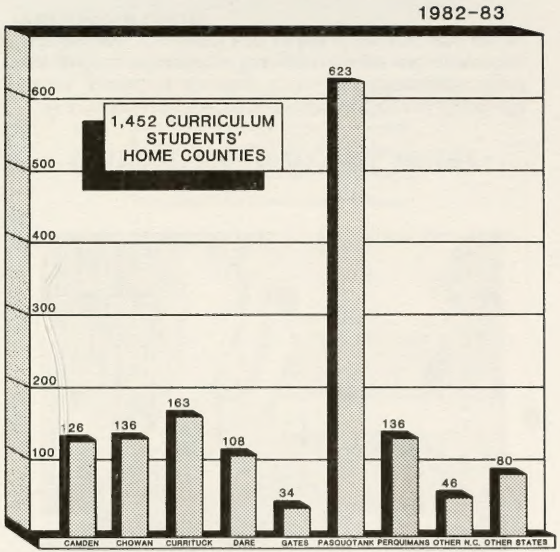
Something for everyone...

Every Albemarle area resident 18 years of age or older is considered a prospective College of The Albemarle student. Why? Because COA offers some form of educational, special interest, professional upgrading, or job training program that can be of value to virtually any adult.

Regular curriculum offerings include 9 associate degree technical programs, 13 vocational diploma programs, and 20 associate degree college transfer programs. Continuing education offerings number in the hundreds, including everything from basic education to short-term, non-credit personal enrichment classes such as sewing, small engine repair, and ceramics.

COA students attend classes during both day and evening hours, from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. on the main campus or at many varied locations in each county. They represent all age groups, from the 18-year-old preparing for a career, to the senior citizen learning macrame or needlepoint.

There's something for everyone at COA!



Learning Resources Center

Library

More than 1,950 new books were added to the library's 40,000-plus volumes. Students made 49,663 visits to the facility, an eight percent increase in attendance over the last year.

Title III funds provided the means to begin a conversion from the Dewey Decimal catalog system to the more comprehensive Library of Congress system.

Learning Lab

Last year, 466 students enrolled in self-study programs at the on-campus and Edenton facilities. Of the 80 persons completing high school study programs, 56 were General Educational Development (GED) students, and 24 were enrolled in the Adult High School Diploma (AHSD) program. A total of 1,281 single GED tests were given during the year, with 193 persons completing the equivalency program.

Career Resources Center

The center is maintained by the Counseling and Placement Office, providing accurate, up-to-date information about occupations, education at four-year colleges and universities, scholarships, vocational and technical training, and armed forces service careers.

Student Financial Aid

As more students find that financial aid is necessary to realize their educational goals, the Student Financial Aid Office assists them in securing scholarships, loans, grants, and part-time work-study employment. Last year, 409 students received a total of $367,666 in assistance from approximately 30 sources.

Financial Aid Awards 1978 through 1983

Year	$ Amount	Av. $ Awarded	Recipients
1978-79	241,243.96	972.76	248
1979-80	282,629.21	948.42	298
1980-81	361,325.30	881.28	410
1981-82	379,339.39	835.54	454
1982-83	367,666.34	898.94	409

Special Projects

Cooperative Education

Is a program that provides students with course-related work experience through employment at participating area businesses and public agencies. Employers contribute to each student's educational development and find that the student, in turn, makes a productive contribution to the success of the business. Last year, 99 students worked in part-time positions with 36 participating employers.

Special Services

Supported by a federal grant, this program offers services to select students who may not otherwise show their true academic potential. Academic advisement, no-cost tutoring, assistance in applying for financial aid, personal development counseling, resource information and guidance, and cultural enrichment activities are facets of the program that increase the likelihood of students successfully reaching their college goals. A total of 162 students were involved in the program, including 98 who received assistance from 27 tutors.

Developmental Education Dept.

A relatively new form of assistance that meets the needs of many students - adults returning to school after a number of years of absence, veterans, and academically deficient high school graduates. The department serves those who need review, desire to improve academic skills, need to fortify personal confidence in their ability to perform college-level work, and wish to obtain career guidance. Courses include English grammar, reading, arithmetic, algebra, orientation to college, and personal psychology.

Bridges Program

As its name implies, this special program was developed to help economically disadvantaged adults to "bridge" the gap to educational advancement and employment opportunity. Sixty-six students were selected from a total of 284 applicants to participate in studies that prepared them for the General Educational Development (GED) tests. Four eight-week cycles, with 16 to 17 students, were conducted. Sixty-two students from four counties completed the program. Forty-four received their high school equivalency certificates.

Title III

A $400,000 Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education enabled the college to continue to enhance its service to the community. It was the fourth year that Title III funds have been received, totaling nearly one million dollars. The funds have been used to computerize student records and registration, to convert the library catalog system, to expand instructional equipment, and to further refine services to students.

Continuing Education

This "high contact" area between the college and the residents of its service area provides a broad range of programs and classes. It includes vocational retraining, job upgrading, new industry training, and non-credit, cultural and personal enrichment courses. The division also offers law enforcement, fire, rescue squad, and public school personnel skills upgrading and recertification courses.

Adults are given another opportunity to gain an elementary-level education, improving their chances to find and keep jobs, through the Adult Basic Education (ABE) program. Last year, 754 ABE students, with less than an eighth grade education, studied in 50 classes.

A total of 7,791 students enrolled in 540 extension classes in the seven counties. Additionally, 104 fire service, fisheries, health and safety, law enforcement, management and development, and new industries courses or seminars were conducted.

EXTENSION ENROLLMENT & CLASSES BY COUNTY

	Camden	Chowan	Currituck	Dare	Gates	Pasquotank	Perquimans	Total
Classes	40	70	35	62	54	219	60	540
Students	466	920	449	1,028	711	3,438	779	7,791

Growing Culturally

The Fine Arts Department maintained a steady schedule of events for the cultural enrichment of both students and community residents. Theatrical performances, student and traveling art exhibits, music recitals, classic movies, and choral concerts provided varied entrees to appeal to the cultural appetite.

"The Greek Moment," an extension of the six-part "Measure of Man" humanities lecture series, was highlighted by a spring tour to Greece during the Easter break. Many local residents had an opportunity to see, for the first time, the splendor of Greece and its legendary islands.

Spring also brought the third annual COA Spring Arts Festival. The week-long series of events featured visiting and guest artists from Pennsylvania State, East Carolina, Duke, and Elizabeth City State universities.

Programs

College of The Albemarle's first concern is to help fulfill the educational and training needs of the people who live in the seven Albemarle counties it serves, providing the highest quality possible at a reasonable level of expense to the student.

Students have an opportunity to choose from an abundant list of educational programs, including associate degree technical and college transfer programs, diploma vocational programs, certificate programs, and continuing education courses.

1982-83 ENROLLMENT

QUARTER	COLLEGE TRANSFER	TECHNICAL	VOCATIONAL	SPECIAL CREDIT	TOTAL
Summer 1982	137	180	142	131	590
Fall 1982	362	538	214	345	1,459
Winter 1982-83	357	504	215	270	1,346
Spring 1983	341	498	211	207	1,257

A total of 196 degrees and diplomas were awarded, including 33 college transfer, 88 technical, and 75 vocational.

Administrative Services

Much of the work of the Administrative Services staff during the past year centered around the computerization of college records and business functions. Primary among these were the accounting and payroll procedures and student registration.

Other major projects included refinement of the inventory system and college bookstore sales in excess of $170,000.

The division supervised a landfill project that reclaimed 5.2 acres of campus property. Further physical plant improvement was achieved at the Riverside Avenue Extension Center with the construction of a boathouse for the protection of the motorboat used as a safety control in the Health and Physical Education Department's popular sailing and canoe classes.

Current Expense Budget Expenditures

	1981-82	1982-83
STATE FUNDS		
General Administration	$ 247,874.11	$ 289,365.87
Curriculum Programs	1,145,909.05	1,466,806.66
Non Curriculum Programs	273,825.10	313,110.43
Learning Resources	140,800.70	150,921.30
Student Services	174,254.70	205,425.37
*Plant Operations & Maintenance	70,792.00*	70,792.00*
Institutional Expense	138,589.60	168,645.97
Employee Benefits	337,944.45	25,345.99
TOTAL	**$2,529,989.71**	**$2,690,413.59**
COUNTY FUNDS		
Plant Operations & Maintenance	$ 244,852.90	$ 250,717.16
General Administration	5,400.00	6,219.69
Institutional Expense	27,486.01	38,578.97
Employee Benefits	19,056.59	1,219.75
SUBTOTAL	**$ 296,795.50**	**$ 296,735.57**
Less Transfer from State Funds	70,792.00*	70,792.00*
TOTAL	**$ 226,003.50**	**$ 225,943.57**
INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS		
Current General Fund	$ 4,227.89	$ 5,401.18
Auxiliary Enterprises	143,743.92	158,150.33
Adult Basic Education	38,703.96	37,604.00
Federal Grants Support Programs	303,726.01	345,701.94
Institutional Support Programs	16,996.37	4,641.87
N.C. Grants	3,172.15	2,137.08
Summer College for Kids	1,089.68	959.27
Student Funds	15,044.81	27,366.90
Federal Scholarship Aid	317,653.21	301,682.00
Institutional Scholarship Aid	18,651.00	15,236.38
Endowments	3,298.00	3,700.00
TOTAL	**$ 866,307.00**	**$ 902,580.95**
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSE	**$3,622,300.21**	**$3,818,938.11**

* Special allotment from the state — is transferred to county funds.

Capital Outlay Budget Expenditures

	1981-82	1982-83
STATE FUNDS		
Educational Equipment	$ 129,949.75	$ 65,011.83
Books	21,137.57	47,072.58
TOTAL	**$ 151,087.32**	**$ 112,084.41**
COUNTY FUNDS		
Buildings, Alterations, and Additions	$ 2,536.09	$ 966.63
Sites	540.36	1,012.40
Fees	000.00	000.00
Interest and Other Expense	000.00	000.00
New Equipment	000.00	2,475.83
TOTAL	**$ 3,076.45**	**$ 4,454.86**
INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS		
Construction	$ 306,443.21	$ 124,086.36
TOTAL	**$ 306,443.21**	**$ 124,086.36**
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY — EXPENDITURES	**$ 460,606.98**	**$ 240,625.63**

College of The Albemarle Foundation

SUPPORT • GROWTH • SERVICE

History and Purpose

The College of The Albemarle Foundation was formed in 1980 as a non-profit organization to receive tax deductible donations which will benefit the college, its students, and the people of the Albemarle region. Foundation funds meet the needs of the college which cannot be met through traditional funding sources. Among these are student scholarships and other forms of financial aid, library books and periodicals, instructional equipment, cultural activities, and many others.

Many people have made donations to the COA Foundation in memory or in honor of friends and loved ones. Some have established scholarship funds for deserving students, while some have donated funds for various specific purposes. Many have left the use of their funds to the discretion of the foundation board of directors.

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Investment in Quality

Foundation's First Annual Fund Drive

The first COA Foundation Annual Fund Drive, with a goal of $30,000, was conducted from April 1 through May 11. At the outset, foundation directors felt confident that the modest goal would be met. What they had not fully anticipated was the overwhelming support that flowed in from the community, businesses, individuals, college employees, and students.

The validity of COA's positive image in the communities it serves was clearly shown by the results of the campagin. By the time the drive ended, nearly twice the original goal was realized, with a total of $56,438 in donations and pledges. One of the most gratifying sources of endorsement came from college faculty and staff members, whose contributions amounted to more than 10 percent of the total amount. Ninety-nine percent of all pledges have been honored.

The college received another large gift as a result of the fund drive. Perry Toyota-Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge, Inc. donated the use of two new, 15-passenger vans annually.

Foundation Gifts Provided

Scholarships

- Scholarships for eight high school valedictorians and salutatorians who attended COA
- A total of nearly $10,000 in scholarships
- Foundation scholarships include: Carrie M. Roebuck Scholarship, Mary and Zack Robertson, Sr. Scholarship, Harriette M. Crump Scholarship, Clifford E. and Anna Bair Scholarship, Northeastern Home Builders Association Scholarship and President's Foundation Scholarship.

Instructional Equipment

- TRS-80 Model IV computer terminal for mathematics and science labs
- Air splints and CPR mannequin for first aid and safety courses
- A portion of the cost of a computer numerical-controlled milling machine for the machinist program
- Library books and film supporting the 400th Anniversary Celebration

Nursing

- Assisted in the purchase of a college-owned van to transport nursing students to clinical facilities

Special Activities

- Sponsored two Foreign Arts Club films
- Sponsored East Carolina University instrumentalists to accompany COA Chorale and Albemarle Community Chorus holiday performance of Handel's "Messiah"
- Co-sponsored recital by Visiting Artist Clifford Tretick
- Sponsored choral workshop for Albemarle area elementary school music teachers
- Co-sponsored on-campus Stanislavski Acting Seminar

Staff Development

- Tuition and fees for graduate specialized training courses for 20 employees

College of The Albemarle is committed to a policy of non-discrimination in the provision of equal opportunity and equal access in student services, programs, and student employment, and in faculty and staff employment and advancement without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, political affiliation, handicap, veteran status, or marital status.

Associated Degree and Diploma Programs

College Transfer

Agriculture
Art
Business Administration
Business Education
Computer Science
Dental
Drama
Elementary Education
Engineering
Forestry
Law
Liberal Arts
Mathematics
Medical
Music
Pharmacy
Science
Secondary Education
Social Work
Veterinary

Technical

Associate Degree Nursing
Business Administration
Drafting and Design
Electronic Data Processing
Electronics
Executive Secretary
General Office Technology
Medical Secretary
Postal Service Technology

Vocational

Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration
Advanced Machinist
Automotive Mechanics
Cosmetology
Electrical Installation and Maintenance
Electronic Servicing
Industrial Maintenance - Electromechanical
Light Construction
Machine Operator
Machinist
Nurses' Assistant
Practical Nurse
Surgical Technician

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